Statement

Details of Grants for special school for visually handicapped in A.P.

S.No.	Name of the organization	District	Project
1.	Navjeevan Blind Relief Centre	Chittoor	Residential School for the Blind
2.	Residential School for the Blind	Mahaboobnagar	-Do-
3.	Sneha Society for Rural reconstruction	Nizamabad	School for Blind
4.	Mother Teresa School for the Blind	Prakasam	School for VH
5.	Devnar Foundation for the Blind	Secunderabad	School for the Blind
6.	ITRRODDD	Rangareddy	School for VH
7.	St. Francis Educational Society	Nellore	School for VH

Rehabilitation centre for disabled and handicapped persons in U.P.

597. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish any rehabilitation centre in the State of Uttar Pradesh for disabled and handicapped persons during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise/district-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (d) Rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities in the State of Uttar Pradesh are already being provided through Composite Rehabilitation Centre at Lucknow, Regional Rehabilitation Training Centre at Lucknow, Regional Rehabilitation Centres for Spinal Injuries at Bareilly, District Rehabilitation Centres at Sitapur and Jagdishpur and District Disability Rehabilitation

Centres at Allahabad, Farrukhabad, Jhansi, Pilibhit, Agra, Meerut, Gonda, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Balia and Mau.

Inclusion of Nonia caste in the list of scheduled castes

†598. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several representations from the Akhil Bhartiya Nonia Jaati Mahasangh have been received to include to Nonia caste in the list of Scheduled Castes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decision to include the Kharia and Agaria castes in the list which are homogeneous to the Nonia caste, has been taken by Government; and

(c) the reasons for the non-inclusion of the Nonia caste in the said list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Government of Bihar had recommended a proposal for inclusion of Nonia community in the list of Scheduled Castes from Bihar. The proposal of the State Government lacked the requisite ethnographic details. Hence, the State Government of Bihar has been requested to furnish requisite details for further examination of the proposal as per approved modalities. There is no proposal pending with Government for inclusion of Nonia caste in any other States/Union Territories.

Scheme for the upliftment of down-trodden women

†599. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the upliftment of down-trodden women;

(b) whether Government have taken effective steps to abolish the practice of scavenging;

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